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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Chinese Law on Dual Nationality

1. We have been informed that Chinese Nationals who become American citizens are considered still to be Chinese Nationals for all purposes by the Chinese government. This appears to be definitely settled for those who go back to live in Chinese Nationalist territory. We would like the answers to some of the situations set forth below:

a. Is a U. S. citizen by birth of Chinese extraction ever subject to being considered a Chinese National even if he goes back to live in Chinese territory?

b. If he is a nationalized U. S. citizen, is he considered still to be a Chinese National by the Chinese government only if living on Chinese soil, or may the Chinese government still consider him a Chinese National if living outside of China, but outside of the U. S., and finally even if he is living in the United States or its territories?

2. In addition to the dual nationality questions set forth above, I would like to know very briefly what Chinese are eligible for consideration under the Refugee Act of 1953 and under what circumstances.

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